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AMENDMENT B

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Amendment B, responsive to the Final Office Action—Date Mailed: December 03, 2003, Paper No. 6, for which a response is due March 03, 2004 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Claims 21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 are currently pending in the application. Claims 21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 are rejected.

By this Amendment, the Specification has been amended. A Substitute, New Declaration for Utility Patent Application (37 CFR §1.63) is herewith filed. Applicants wish to thank Supervisory Patent Examiner Hassan Kizou for his telephone conference with Applicants' Attorney on February 12, 2004.

This response is accompanied by the appropriate fee transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. An additional fee for

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the Substitute, New Declaration (attached herewith) is due and paid via said fee transmittal form.

All bases of objection and rejection are hereby overcome. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.